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In Chicago and New York, prices were unchanged. In most other areas, prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. The market tone was steady to instances firm with the heavier weighted eggs in the best position. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies ranged adequate to tight for trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were sufficient for the moderate to occasionally good demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate to ample for at least normal processing schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher on the larger sizes; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 2 cents higher on the larger sizes, when based on previous week average pricing. Prices were unchanged on the medium eggs and in New England. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on the heavier weight eggs and generally steady on the remainder of sizes. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate. Supplies were usually adequate for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to fully adequate for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate to ample for the light demand.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 2 cents higher for the larger sizes and unchanged for the balance. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was at least steady to instances firm with the larger sizes in the best position. Retail and food service demand ranged from light to fairly good, usually moderate. Supplies were in good balance to at times close for the larger sizes and adequate for the smaller weight eggs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the moderate to at times good demand. Most breakers were working regular commitments and company owned production in order to get inventories down before the upcoming holiday. Schedules full-time to over-time. Floor stocks fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand in a full range from light to good, mostly moderate and best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies generally adequate.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. The market tone was steady to instances firm, with the heavier weighted eggs in the best position. Demand was light to moderate, better where features were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were sufficient to tight for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending May 17, 2002 was 44.91 cents, 0.66 cents less than a week earlier and 5.49 cents less than last year. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to fully adequate for the moderate demand. Breaking schedules were regular to overtime for this week. Light type fowl were mostly fully sufficient to ample for the light demand.

WESTERN Prices 3 cents higher on jumbo, 2 cents higher on extra large and large, unchanged on mediums. The Pacific region inventory was 1% higher than last Monday with California unchanged and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 2%. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings of large in close balance, medium easily adequate.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to instances firm with the larger sizes in the strongest position. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were generally sufficient for trade requirements.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DLVRD STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DZ.

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	89-91	78-80	66-68
New York	52-56	50-54	44-48
Philadelphia	49-54	48-52	43-46
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	41.5-47	39.5-44	34-37
Jackson (1)	49-51	46-48	42-45
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	52-64	49-59	42-55
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	43-47	41-45	33-37
Detroit (2)	39-44	38-43	33-37
Major Ohio Cities (2)	41-45	40-43	31-35
Major Wisconsin Cities	42-49	41-47	33-38
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	62-64	59-62	52-55
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	81	76	69
(1) - Prices reported weekly	(2) - Delivered Warehouse		
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 3 cents higher on jumbo, 2 cents higher on extra large and large, unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was unchanged from last Monday. Retailer demand light to mainly moderate. Offerings light on the large sizes, mediums ample. Small benchmark price 49. Ads in Northern California: major- extra large 18 pack 149, large dozen 129, 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets-large 18 pack 98. California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	85	JUMBO	239-279
EXTRA LARGE	81	EXTRA LARGE	225-249
LARGE	76	LARGE	189-239
MEDIUM	69	MEDIUM	173-199
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	239-299	JUMBO	239-279
EXTRA LARGE	229-279	EXTRA LARGE	225-249
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	189-239
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	173-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 24, 2002 will decrease by 4 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 17, 2002 were 258,282 cases which was 1 percent below the prior week and 12 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	218,708	39,574	258,282
% change from the prior week.....	+0	-6	-1

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the moderate to at times good demand. Most breakers were working regular commitments and company owned production in order to get inventories down before the upcoming holiday. Schedules full-time to overtime. Floor stocks fully adequate. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	27-29
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-16
CENTRAL STATES AREA:	
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI	

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were irregular when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the mostly fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. Finished product supplies were at least sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was about steady to steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-MAY-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8.25-10	8.62
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were near unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were adequate for needs with schedules adequate for requirements. Trade sentiment was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-MAY-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-11.75 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9.25	9.06

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAY 20, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.7	17.1	5.6	11.0	10.3	52.7
	Change	0.1	2.3	0.6	2.0	-0.2	10%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.0	38.9	15.3	26.3	27.8	129.3
	Change	-0.4	2.6	-1.4	3.5	0.2	4%
Large	Curr Wk	34.4	91.7	73.7	67.5	109.8	377.1
	Change	-6.1	-16.3	0.4	14.4	4.8	-1%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.5	39.2	18.0	22.6	23.1	114.4
	Change	1.1	-2.5	-2.7	-2.4	-4.2	-9%
Small	Curr Wk	5.5	7.9	5.2	5.4	2.2	26.2
	Change	0.4	2.5	2.2	1.9	-0.9	30%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.7	17.8	12.5	11.1	6.2	51.3
	Change	0.0	-4.3	2.3	-1.1	0.1	-6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.1	55.9	18.2	27.0	25.7	140.9
	Change	-4.6	5.8	-0.1	0.1	1.9	2%
Total	Curr Wk	98.9	268.5	148.5	170.9	205.1	891.9
Percent	Change	-9%	-4%	1%	12%	1%	0%
TOTAL			Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	891.9	0%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	280.4	0%	38
Total Shell Egg	1172.3	0%	211

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO ATL	5-AREA PACIFIC	SUMMARY
NORTHEAST	108.4	278.4	147.2	152.5	203.4
					889.9

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 06, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	181.4	178.4	169.4	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MAY 06, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	141	141	131	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 17, 2002

CURRENT LOADS														14.00		FUTURE LOADS						19.25		TOTAL LOADS						33.25	
SE								NE		MW				LOADS		SC		NW				SW		LOADS							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST								
GNR W 1	—	—	28.50	30.00	35.50	37.50	5.00		GNR W 1	—	37.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GL W XL	—	39.00	36.00	—	—	—	4.75		GL W MD	28.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	32.00	3.00													
GL W LG	—	38.00	35.00	36.00	—	—	3.50																								
GL W MD	25.00	29.00	—	—	25.00	—	4.00																								
NRBS - 50	29.50	31.00	—	—	—	—	1.00																								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	29.00	13.00																								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	18.00	1.00																								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/13/02-05/17/02

CURRENT LOADS		81.75		FUTURE LOADS		61.50		TOTAL LOADS		143.25					
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	—	—	—	—	32.00	34.00	3.00	GNR W 1	—	37.00	—	—	—	42.50	3.00
GNR W 1	26.25	33.00	28.33	28.20	33.61	34.35	28.00	GL W XL	—	38.42	—	—	—	45.45	13.50
GNR W 2	—	33.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	34.00	36.00	—	46.00	—	42.25	7.75
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	25.00	25.50	2.00	GL W MD	25.50	24.75	25.00	—	—	31.47	11.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	32.00	—	—	1.00	GL W SM	22.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W XL	—	39.29	34.50	36.50	38.33	36.00	38.50	NRBS - 45	—	—	20.00	21.50	—	—	3.00
GL W LG	—	37.56	35.00	35.29	34.00	38.50	22.75	NRBS - 42	19.00	22.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W MD	25.00	29.91	26.27	28.00	24.67	29.00	10.00								
GL W SM	23.50	24.50	22.63	24.63	20.00	—	6.00								
NRBS - 50	29.50	31.00	27.11	—	29.50	31.00	12.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	26.50	27.50	32.00	29.10	39.50								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	22.00	1.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	17.67	3.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 05/05/02 - 05/11/02

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	677	677
Arkansas	0	0	860	860
Colorado	0	1,620	2,212	3,832
Georgia	0	0	840	840
Iowa	5,495	16,496	27,462	49,453
Michigan	0	0	4,194	4,194
Minnesota	0	0	3,638	3,638
Missouri	0	0	1,730	1,730
New Hampshire	0	1,385	0	1,385
North Carolina	0	0	1,000	1,000
Ohio	0	0	5,717	5,717
Oregon	2,665	4	0	2,669
Pennsylvania	0	0	750	750
Texas	0	0	2,290	2,290
Utah	0	3,040	7,351	10,391
Washington	0	19	0	19
Wisconsin	0	0	1,530	1,530
TOTAL	8,160	22,564	60,251	90,975

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	117-120
EXTRA LARGE	70-73
LARGE	59-62
MEDIUM	47-50
SMALL	25-28

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	45-55
EXTRA LARGE	38-42
LARGE	36-41
MEDIUM	30-34
SMALL	23-27

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**RECEIPTS FROM THE MAINLAND**

May 05-11, 2002 April 28-May 04, 2001

Eggs: "30 Dozen Cases" 7,046 5,399

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
ON HAND	05/13/02	05/06/02	05/14/01
PACIFIC COAST	565	451	387
LOS ANGELES	530	423	343

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
LARGE	22-25
MEDIUM	14-18
SMALL	6-9

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	62.88
LARGE	60.57
MEDIUM	55.65
SMALL	46.27

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

(In Units of 1,000)

	Mar-31	Mar-31	Apr-30	Apr-30
	2001	2002	2001	2002
FROZEN EGGS:				
Whites	2,242	1,561	3,298	1,514
Yolks	879	906	493	850
Whole & Mixed	9,851	6,260	10,015	4,577
Unclassified	1,629	2,943	2,078	3,184
<i>Total Frozen Eggs</i>	14,601	11,670	15,884	10,125

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